

Tenth Station: Jesus clothes are taken away

There is an expression about losing everything but the clothes on your back. Or being stripped of everything but your dignity. At this station the soldiers remove the cloak from Jesus. Tore open his wounds. Tormented him. People in the crowd teased him, unaware of the greatest miracle that was unfolding before them.

Are you tempted to repeat stories regardless of how disrespectful. Is it cool to use crude and bad words? Do you put others down, bully family or friends, set a bad example for young people?

What actions of yours have hurt others, stripped them of their dignity, ruined their day. Have you had that happen to you?

Use this station to ask Jesus for the strength to keep pure and clean. Find the energy to say things that build up the people around you. To consider what is a good example for others to follow. To find the strength to intercede when you see some one being abused.

The soldiers, symbols of protection, failed Jesus. May you have the strength to honour the dignity of others, the perseverance to do the right thing, and the spiritual strength to turn to this station, when you need help to simply do the right thing.